

Amendments to the Abstract

Please **add** the following Abstract to this application.

-- The invention relates to a light valve system that enhances the contrast ratio for light and dark video images and reduces contouring artifacts. The light valve system comprises a color selection device configured to temporally attenuate component color bands of light to correspond with a video input signal. A first polarizing beam splitter configured to polarize the component color bands into oppositely polarized components, and a microdisplay configured to receive at least one of the oppositely polarized components for forming a projected light matrix. --